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pass through two districts into a third is less than half in the case of Madras than it is in the case of Ganjām or South Kanara. It need hardly be added that postings are made as vacancies arise and as the best interests of the public service dictate, and that advantage is taken of the return of officers from leave to fill the place of officers going on leave wherever that is practicable.

Formation of irrigation boards.

919 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: With reference to Government reply to question No. 139 at the meeting of the Council on 12th September 1922 regarding the irrigation boards in deltaic areas, will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to expedite the formation of such irrigation boards before the end of this official year; and

(b) to state whether it is the intention of the Government to have the depressed classes representatives of this Council nominated to these boards?

A.—(a) Proposals for the constitution of the boards are under consideration and orders will issue shortly.

(b) Efforts will be made in consultation with the local officials to secure adequate representation of all the interests involved.

Revision of irrigation projects.

920 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the result of the work done till now by the special officer regarding the revision of irrigation projects in this Presidency;

(b) which of the projects are likely to be taken up for execution next year; and

(c) whether it is the intention of Government to try an experiment of floating a self-supporting loan in the public market for this purpose and gauging its popularity among the interested ryots in the districts or regions likely to be benefited by the introduction of such irrigation projects?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 71 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 12th September 1922. The report of the special officer on the revision of projects will be published shortly.

(b) The only projects likely to be taken up for execution next year are the excavation of the Girisola channel in the Ganjām district and the construction of the Tippayyapalem Reservoir in the Kurnool district.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"Is the hon. the Law Member aware that there are in the Kurnool and Bellary districts other projects which can be taken up for execution; for example, the Basafanna channel, at a cost of 2·50 lakhs of rupees?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"I cannot give a definite answer just now. The hon. Member had a talk with me on this matter."